

Montana's Colleges and Disability Services

The state of Montana is committed to serving students with disabilities so that they can reach their postsecondary goals. No otherwise qualified student will be denied participation in, or the benefits of, any of the university system's program solely on the basis of a disability, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Montana Human Rights Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Disability Services offices exist to aid students with accommodations, advocacy issues, and due process. Though not every university or college branch in the state has an actual director of disability services, the Student Services division can be contacted at each school for appropriate information. Contact information for two-year and four-year schools in Montana is listed below.

It is important to distinguish between the services that are often typical in high school and those which are mandated at the college level. In college, the key word is "access," though of course the college is supportive of helping the student achieve success as well. The college is obligated to provide access to the school's physical resources, as well as its programmatic ones. Typical accommodations in college include extended testing time, note takers, a quiet testing room, interpreters, e-text and other services for blind/low-vision students, accessible housing, etc. Families of students with documented disabilities should contact the college ahead of time to begin the accommodation process and to find out what services will be appropriate at the postsecondary level. If the student has an IEP in high school, he/she will begin to work on a plan for what will happen after high school with his/her IEP team. Transition services are becoming increasingly available, and entities such as Vocational Rehabilitation exist to help make the transition between high school and college easier. Families should visit the college's Web site to gather important information before making that initial visit.

Information regarding Montana Higher Education Disability Services program contacts for each of the technical colleges, colleges and universities is included below. The IEP teams and students are encouraged to communicate with the appropriate individual contacts at the schools to which the students may apply. As much information that can be available to students prior to graduation will increase the potential for success at the higher education level. It is critical for students to fully understand what services are available and what types of accommodations or modifications are not. Leaving the public K-12 education system can be challenging for students with disabilities. The better prepared they are the better results we will see for the future.

MONTANA HIGHER EDUCATION DISABILITY SERVICES

Blackfeet Community College

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They are in the process of designing a disability Web site page.

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They do not have a disability Web site page.

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MSU Billings & MSU Billings COT

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